

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, BENC, BEXP, MARR, GR  
SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: HIGH EXPROPRIATION COST OF LAND FOR  
SPATA AIRPORT

REF: 76 ATHENS 7086

1. ATHENS FIRST INSTANCE COURT RECENTLY ISSUED DECISION  
SETTING LAND ACQUISITION RATES PAYABLE BY GOG TO THE OWNERS  
OF 11,760 STREMMAS (APPROX. 3,000 ACRES) OF LAND TO BE EX-  
PROPRIATED AT SPATA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED ATHENS AIRPORT.

2. ON BASIS OF COURT VALUATION, GOG WOULD REPORTEDLY HAVE  
TO PAY OWNERS 12 TO 13 BILLION DRACHMAS, COMPARED TO THE  
2 BILLION DRACHMAS INITIAL ESTIMATE AND 15 BILLION DRACHMAS TOTAL  
PROJECT COST ESTIMATE (EXCLUDING EXPROPRIATION COSTS).

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3. COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER VOYATZIS HAS STATED THAT  
GOG WILL APPEAL THE LOWER COURT'S DECISION, BUT IT IS UNLIKELY  
THAT THE COURT'S EVALUATION COULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY ALTERED.

4. COMMENT: WHILE MINISTER VOYATZIS IS TRYING TO CONVEY THE  
IMPRESSION THAT WORK ON THE PROJECT IS CONTINUING NORMALLY,

(HE HAS STATED THAT THE PRELIMINARY WORK BEING DONE ON THE AIRPORT  
MASTER PLAN WILL NOT BE EFFECTED) THERE IS SPECULATION NOW  
THAT THE SPATA AIRPORT PROJECT MAY BE RE-CONSIDERED. IN VIEW OF  
THE ABOVE, THE DECISION CONCERNING THE CONSULTANCY CONTRACT  
ON WHICH TWO U.S. FIRMS ARE BIDDING MAY WELL BE DELAYED.

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